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SUBJECT: DoD Collaboration Interoperability Standards

Interoperability is key to DoD's collaboration strategy. The Department's goal is to provide the user community a range of collaboration tools, based on commercial standards that can interoperate securely and fulfill DoD's unique operational requirements. Standards-based collaboration provides OSD, Joint Staff, Combatant Commanders, Services, and Agencies a collaboration capability that includes voice and video conferencing; text, document and application sharing; awareness; instant messaging; and whiteboarding in support of deliberate and crisis action planning.

All collaboration products used by the Department must demonstrate interoperability and compliance with DoD collaboration interoperability criteria. To be considered interoperable, these products and subsequent major releases must be tested and certified by the Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC).

Product sponsors desiring JITC certification testing may contact the Collaboration Management Office (CMO) at (703) 882-1442. Product testing procedures, and certification pricing information for sponsors, are available at <http://misd.ncr.disa.mil/misd/dcts>. Collaboration solutions currently in use on DoD networks shall be tested by March 1, 2003. By October 1, 2003, collaboration solutions that are not JITC certified are not authorized on DoD networks. Certified products will be identified on an approved products list maintained by the DISA CMO. Certified tools will become part of the suite of collaboration tools employed across the Department. My point of contact for this effort is Mr. Keith Dean (703) 602-0932.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John P. Stenbit".
John P. Stenbit